

REMARKS

These amendments and remarks are being filed in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2004. For the following reasons this amendment should be entered, the application allowed, and the case passed to issue. No new matter or considerations are introduced by this amendment.

Claims 1-4, 6-27, and 29 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6-27, and 29 are allowed.¹ Claim 5 had been canceled in a previous response. Claim 6 has been amended to correct an informality. Claims 28 and 30-53 have been canceled in this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-27, and 29 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowed claims. Claims 28 and 30-53 have been canceled, thus only allowed claims 1-4, 6-27, and 29 remain pending in this application. Therefore, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

¹ Although the Examiner indicated that claims 1-27 and 29 were allowed, claim 5 had previously been canceled by entry of the After Final Amendment filed October 29, 2004.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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